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*14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away.*

*15 For that ye ought to say if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that. James 4:13-15*

*Give us this day or daily bread. Matthew 6:11*

*Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow will take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Matthew 6:34*

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1*

The term “Now” is used 1355 times in the King James version of the Bible. I mention this fact because for such a small term, it is one of the most profound words in this or any other language. The impact of now’s reality is **inescapable**. It cannot be avoided, it cannot be superseded, in other words you can’t put anything a head of it. Now is the most important time in our lives.

There is an old Latin aphorism that says “Carpe’ Diem. The English Translation is “Seize the Day”. Take advantage of the opportunity that is presented before you now. Grab hold of now. Don’t put it off, you may not get this chance again. If ever there was a phrase that aptly describe the spirit of Carol Carter Wagner I believe Carpe Diem is it. I was fortunate enough to see this first hand this past summer. While white water rafting this summer in the Smoky Mountains, Minister Carol was thrown out of the canoe and rather than panic, scream, and pitch a fit, she fought to get back in the boat. And rather than say ok I have had enough, she grabbed her oar and started paddling. She seized the moment and made the most out of it. When it was all over we all laughed and rejoiced over the wonderful time we had. Did she get wet? Yes. Were there harry moments? Yes. We will ever forget it. No. Why because she made the most out of the experience as it was unfolding and we were all the better for it. She lived that moment as though there was no tomorrow.

James echoed that philosophy when he penned the 4th chapter of his epistle verses 13 – 15

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What James is saying is, it is unwise to take today for granted. You can make all the plans you want for tomorrow, but be sure you don’t forget tomorrow is not promised to us.

Years ago a wise old deacon told me “Yesterday is a cancelled checked, tomorrow is a promissory, but today is ready cash spend it wisely!”

Jesus teaches us, as we share the business of life with our Heavenly Father to ask “Give us this day our daily bread” Matthew 6: 11

Give us enough of the stuff of life sufficient for today.

He further drives the point home by saying: “*Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow will take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” Matthew 6:34*

There is enough stuff going on in our lives right now that needs our immediate attention. We need not try to worry about what may or may not happen on tomorrow.

I know what you’re thinking, the preacher is saying to us not to makes plans, but that’s not what I’m saying at all. What I am saying is a prudent Stuart, a smart individual, a wise person when making his or her plans will recognize the fact the plan is only as good as the will of God allows. That is why James says “*15 For that ye ought to say if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that.” James 4:15*

All of our plans, our hopes and our dreams are contingent on the will of God. An wise man once told me its good to put things on the calendar. It gives you something to work towards, but don’t forget that there are things written in the calendar that will always supersede what’s on the calendar.

It therefore behooves us to live each day as though it were our last because tomorrow is not promised to any of us.

Minister Carol did live that way and though I’m sure that if it were choice should would have loved to continue in this plain if existence, but she was ready for God’s will and showed that even on her dying bed make making the proper provisions. She seized the day and made the most out of it. She was blessed because she knew what time it was and left an example for us to follow. Do you know what time it is? Well if you don’t know it’s Now o’clock! Go to Now! Embrace it, cherish it spend Now wisely. Go to Now!